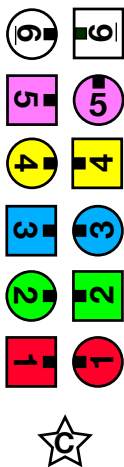


Beginner's Luck

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As the name hints, this is a contra dance for beginner's. I don't use improper duples at beginner dance parties, but this contra dance works great for Community Dances when you are ready to introduce the idea of duples. In order to have the dancers rotate quickly from active to inactive positions I keep the length of the contra lines to 5 or 6 couples. For practice, I've even stopped the music and had the lines **Pass Thru** and **U-Turn Back** so the roles are reversed. Then I start the music again. There is always a little confusion at this point, but it certainly makes it apparent that active and inactive are positions in the set..

Formation: Contra Lines, Couples 1, 3, 5, crossed over and active.



- 1-8 DoSaDo Corner
- 9-16 Corner Swing
- 17-24 Circle four Left with the couple across
- 25-32 Same four Circle Right back to home lines
- 33-40 Actives Forward & Back
- 41-48 Actives Turn Partner Right Hand Around
- 49-56 Inactives Forward & Back
- 57-64 Inactive Turn Partner Left Hand Around

The dance can be viewed on YouTube by [clicking here](#). The source for the video is a TV show Judy and I produced for Public Access TV in the 1990s.